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May 15, 2013

Mr. Steven T. Miller
Acting Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
United States Department of the Treasury
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is conducting an investigation of the Internal Revenue Service's politicization of the tax exempt application review process. Beginning in 2010, the IRS selectively targeted conservative groups, including Tea Party organizations, applying for tax-exempt status. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's May 14, 2013, report cites several improper actions conducted by the IRS, including the targeting of certain groups, the delay of tax exempt applications, and the request of unnecessary information. It appears that a number of IRS employees played key roles in carrying out the improper scrutiny imposed on groups applying for tax exempt status.

To further the Committee's understanding of the IRS's targeting of conservative and Tea Party groups for additional and unusual scrutiny, we request that you initially make the listed IRS staff available for transcribed interviews by Committee staff beginning May 20, 2013:

1. Holly Paz
2. John Shafer
3. Gary Muthert
4. Liz Hofacre
5. Joseph Herr

In addition to these individuals, the Committee fully anticipates needing numerous additional transcribed interviews of other IRS employees and we would appreciate your help facilitate this and any additional request in an expedited manner. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and may at "any time" investigate "any matter" as set forth in House Rule X.

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Please contact Mark Marin or Christopher Hixon of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2013, to schedule the transcribed interviews. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman



Jim Jordan
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cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member

The Honorable Matt Cartwright, Ranking Minority Member
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